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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA WILL NOT VOTE FOR BELARUS IN UNHRC  
ELECTION

REF: A. STATE 58056

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[1](#)1. (SBU) In response to ref (A) demarche, the Slovak MFA Human Rights section confirmed its consistent stance against Belarus gaining a seat on the UNHRC by noting that its mission in New York will not vote for Belarus on May 17 in the UNGA. Slovakia had been willing to support a theoretical Bosnian candidacy (ref B), but now believes it unlikely that any third candidate will come forward. While Slovakia shares our concerns about the direction of the UNHRC since its inception as well as our concerns about Belarus's human rights record, the Human Rights desk officer did not see how it would be possible to prevent Belarus from gaining a seat on the UNHRC.

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